

Check List No. 2

for summary of

OPERATIONAL TASK OBJECTIVES  
FY 1955

List No. 2: FOR IRON CURTAIN TARGET LOCATIONS:  
FY 1955 Plan Missions B, C, D, E, and F

INSTRUCTIONS

1. EXECUTION: A single page code sheet, coded by numbers and letters to the items and sub-items of the attached check list, is provided separately. This code sheet is classified "SECRET", and its use is requested as a legitimate means of avoiding the extensive top secret control required if country actions were recorded on the check list itself. Execution of the code sheet will be as follows:

- a. Identify area and country (or other operational command jurisdiction).
- b. Each solid square on the code sheet corresponds to a numbered item or a lettered sub-item on the check list. For each numbered item, and sub-item if reasonably possible, ✓ if recommended for action in FY 1955 in the country, X if not recommended.

		a	b
1	✓	X	✓

Use a separate memorandum to record new items not covered by the check list.

2. EXPLANATION AND GUIDANCE: This check list is intended to be a comprehensive list of possible operational task objectives, without regard at this planning stage to the various targets against which these types of action may be directed.

- a. The numbered items are general objectives, set up in three groups as labelled:
  - (1) Current operational objectives and hot war preparation within the target territory.
  - (2) Hot war preparation outside the target territory.
  - (3) Special relationships.
- b. The lettered sub-items are the critical factors which seem most pertinent, as pivots of policy decision, at this planning stage. These sub-items are variously subsidiary, purpose, type of action, or degree of action. In some cases, these sub-items may be too searching to be visualized at a range of 15 months or more. However, tentative selection is requested whenever reasonably possible recognizing that later changes may be made.
- c. The pattern checked for any country should be the Division's best judgment of the action program required in FY 1955. In expectation that supporting detail will later be called for, each check, negative as well as positive, should be fully defensible in terms of the requirements of U. S. security and interest.
- d. For this tentative planning stage, the framework for recommendations of operational tasks will be as follows: (1) The assumptions and criteria of the basic FY 1955 Plan (24 February 1953 draft) will control; (2) If action proposed conforms with this FY 1955 draft Plan but exceeds present authorization, such recommendation may be included if accompanied by a brief draft of the authorization required; (3) Special attention is called to the limitations of paragraph 3-b-(2) of the FY 1955 draft Plan.